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SUBJECT: LAWSUIT AGAINST GULF OIL OVER ALLEGED VIOLATION OF
CONTRACT TO PURCHASE QATARI CRUDE

REF: MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 9, 1978, ON SUBJECT FROM NEA/APR
(ZIOLKOWSKI)

1. DURING APRIL 25 DISCUSSION ON PETROLEUM MATTERS, DIRECTOR
OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS, ABDULLAH SALLAT, TOLD EMBASSY COMMERCIAL
OFFICER THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GULF
OIL CORP. WHO WERE SEEKING COPIES OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN

GULF AND GOQ AND BETWEEN MR. WILLIAM TAUB AND GOQ CONCERNING
POSSIBLE OIL SALES.

2. MR. SALLAT SAID THAT HIS OFFICE AND THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, OF WHICH HIS OFFICE IS A PART, ARE
COOPERATING WITH GULF OIL CORP. AND THAT GOQ WOULD PROVIDE ANY
INFORMATION WHICH IT HAS IN ITS FILES TO GULF.

3. MR. SALLAO
CHARACTERIZED MR. TAUB AS "A CROOK."

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4. THE SUBJECT OF THE GULF OIL CORP. APPROACH WAS BROUGHT UP BY
MR. SALLAT AND HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF MR. TAUB WAS COMPLETELY
UNSOLICITED. HIS STATEMENT THAT GOQ WAS COOPERATING WITH GULF
CAME IN REPLY TO A DIRECT QUESTION FROM THE COMMERCIAL OFFICER.
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